

THE ADAMH STAR

An newsletter of the Fairfield County ADAMH Board

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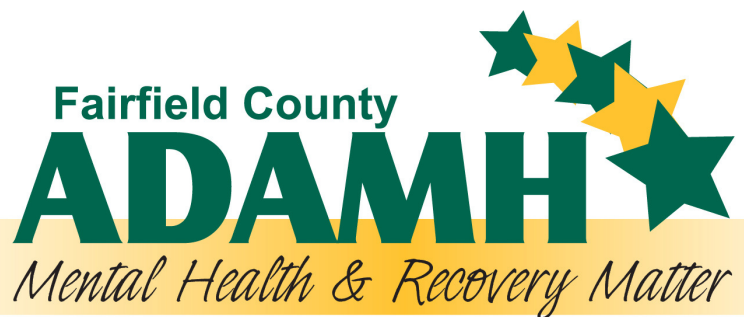
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**Our Mission: To promote healing,
support recovery, and provide
prevention and treatment services of
mental health and addiction disorders
within our community**

GREETINGS

**BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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It is an honor and a privilege for the Fairfield County ADAMH Board to serve Fairfield County residents! Highlights from ADAMH Board work this winter include: 1. selection of SFY 2022 community-based prevention, crisis, treatment, and recovery support programs using a prioritization model, 2. implementing increased funding and a new model for school-based prevention programs, and 3. securing sufficient land upon which to build the Crisis Stabilization/Urgent Substance Use Disorder Service Center.

Best wishes for a beautiful spring season!



COMMUNITY IMPACT

Crisis Stabilization/Urgent Substance Use Disorder Center

A piece of property became available this winter which enabled the ADAMH Board to obtain sufficient land on which to build its crisis stabilization/urgent substance use disorder center. OhioMHAS suspended capital grants last year due to the pandemic but they became available once again this winter. The ADAMH Board is in the process of completing the necessary paperwork to receive funds to help with the cost of the center. Groundbreaking is targeted for this summer with building completion expected in 2022!

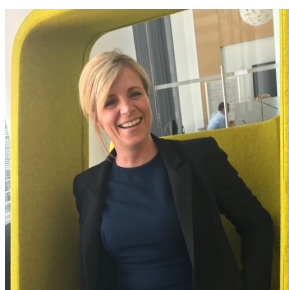


BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Kristi Burre Resigns

The ADAMH Board would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to outgoing member Kristi Burre for her service! Ms. Burre brought with her a wealth of expertise on children's issues and served on the ADAMH Mental Health and Addiction Committee. We will miss her and wish her the best for the future!

New Board Members Appointed



The ADAMH Board welcomed three new members in March 2021. We very much appreciate Christie Torchia (pictured left), Shelly Walker, and John Warner lending their time and talents to the work of the ADAMH Board.

To learn more about ADAMH Board members, click [here](#).

STAFF UPDATES

Welcome

Jacqui Pazaropoulos joined the ADAMH Board as the new executive assistant on February 23, 2021.



Congratulations



Prevention Coordinator Toni Ashton (pictured left) and retired Program Coordinator Patti Waits were acknowledged in an article titled "The Role of a Rural Community of Practice

in Implementing a Culturally Relevant Response to the Opioid Epidemic During the COVID-19 Pandemic" that was published in *Family and Community Health* for their outstanding work on the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) grant. To read the article in whole, please click [here](#).

To learn more about Jacqui Pazaropoulos, Toni Ashton, and the rest of the ADAMH staff, click [here](#).



TRAINING AND EVENTS

Board Annual Dinner and Awards

Keeping community safety top of mind, the ADAMH Board chose to do a 20-minute video in lieu of an in-person 2021 annual board dinner and awards ceremony. The video will begin with a welcome by Board Chairperson Jonathan McCombs, Ph.D., feature a brief keynote by Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Lori Criss about the impact COVID-19 has had on the mental health of Ohioans, and finish with presentations of the 2021 Friend of ADAMH Awards. Fairfield Medical Center's Angeline Stergiou, M.D., and New Horizons Mental Health Services' Megan Golden, LISW, CDCA, were the two well-deserved recipients. For additional information about the award winners, click [here](#). The video is scheduled to be released during Mental Health Month, May 2021.

COVID-19 has largely eliminated the feasibility of live events and trainings! As herd immunity develops, we look forward to returning to seeing you in person!

FUNDING UPDATES

SFY 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

Programs

This winter, the ADAMH Board approved mental health and substance use disorder prevention, crisis, treatment, and recovery supports funding for the upcoming year. The list of approved community-based prevention, crisis, treatment, and recovery support programs can be found by clicking [here](#). School-based prevention funding totaling \$785,000 was designated on a per capita basis to each Fairfield County school district and the Education Service Center. A menu of evidenced-based programs offered by contract agencies and approved by Board staff was made available to the schools. The participation of each school district to choose the programming it believed best met its students' needs at this time is appreciated! The ADAMH Board, contract agencies, and schools will be completing the necessary contracts and memoranda of understanding to implement this programming in the 2021-2022 school year.

SFY 2022 purchased services and services on a go-forward basis are selected using a prioritization process. The Board laid the groundwork for this new prioritized-focused model at its November 2019 retreat with final details completed at its August 2020 retreat. The future prioritization process anticipates incorporating the systematic review of measurable outcomes initially established in fall 2021.



State Opiate Response (SOR) Grant Funding Federal Fiscal Year 2021

The ADAMH Board in collaboration with contract agencies and community partners received over \$1 million in State Opiate Response (SOR) grant funding via the OhioMHAS for federal fiscal year 2021. To learn more the contract agencies and community partner collaborations that made this possible as well as a list of funded programs, please click [here](#).



NETWORK OF CARE PROVIDERS

- [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Fairfield County](#)
- [Fairfield County 2-1-1 \(Information & Referral\)](#)
- [Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council](#)
- [Fairfield Mental Health Consumer Group](#)
- [Lancaster/Fairfield Community Action](#)
- [The Lighthouse](#)
- [Lutheran Social Services Faith Mission of Fairfield County](#)
- [Mental Health America of Ohio](#)
- [Mid-Ohio Psychological Services, Inc.](#)
- [New Horizons Mental Health Services](#)
- [OhioGuidestone](#)
- [The Recovery Center](#)





HOW ARE YOU DOING?

The COVID pandemic has added a layer of additional stress to the normal pressures of everyday life! Some ideas for how to cope can be found [here](#).

Mental Health America offers a variety of free mental health and substance abuse screenings on its [website](#).

Need help connecting with a counselor? Have insurance barriers? For free, confidential help, contact the client advocate at 740.475.0415 or toll-free at 855.281.5726.



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